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Several Casualties.London, Dec. 30.—*Dispatches* from Chievelley Camp hint at some important movement as imminent.

This is interpreted to mean that Gen. Buller contemplates a renewal of his attempt to relieve Ladysmith.

It is reported by the same dispatches that the Boers have now retired to the north bank of the Tugela river, being afraid that the swollen river may bar their retreat. They are also moving their laagers nearer Ladysmith, probably with the intention of putting further pressure on the garrison, which now seems to be suffering pretty heavily from the bombardment.

It is difficult, however, to conceive that Gen. Buller would make another frontal attack, especially now that the river is rising, and an additional indication that this is not his purpose is the fact that he has removed his headquarters back to Frere.

It is known that further artillery is due to arrive for Gen. Buller, but the belief here is that his force even then will be too weak.

The Boer movements northward from the Tugela are quite in keeping with the enemy's usual plan of securing a safe line of retreat.

Another Sortie.

The following dispatch from Chievelley Camp, dated December 24, appears in the Times: "Parties of Boers approached to within three miles of Chievelley Camp, threatening our watering parties, who are compelled to go some two miles owing to the scarcity of water. It is reported that the Ladysmith garrison made a sortie on Thursday and captured a hill."

Six Men Killed.

Ladysmith, Dec. 24 (via Pietemarburg)—Gen. White has had a slight attack of fever, but he is now convalescent.

The Boer shell fire has been very damaging recently. On Friday one shell killed six men and wounded nine. The same missile killed 14 horses. Another just missed the Fifth Lancers' lines, slightly wounding six officers.

Several shells have fallen close to Gen. White's hut, compelling the removal of his headquarters to another point.

It is reported that Gen. Joubert is again in command of the Boers here. The military authorities appear confident, but they are very reticent.

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THE WESTERN DISTRICT.

British Boer-hunting Party Exchange Shoots With Boers—A Sortie from Mafeking.

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Boers Near Kimberley.

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Colonials in the Boer Army.

London, Dec. 30.—The Daily News correspondent, telegraphing from Cape-

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town, says: "A leading resident of Vryburg who was released by the Boers saw 2,000 colonials from Graspanland West. He says colonial faces are to be seen everywhere in the Boer ranks."

SUPPLIES FOR BOERS.

It is Rumored Guns and Ammunition Are Smuggled Through Delagoa Bay—Who is the Burglar Informant?

London, Dec. 30.—A Lorenzo Marquez dispatch, dated Dec. 27th, published in the Times, says:

"Cargoes" for the Transvaal have dwindled to one-fifth of the average, but larger shipments are expected from Europe. In the meantime there are persistent rumors here and in Durban that guns and ammunition are smuggled through for the Boers.

A French liner now in the harbor is said to have brought two large guns from Madagascar. The head of the customs assures me that there is also probably no ground, however, for such a rumor."

Boers Well Informed.

A dispatch, dated December 28th, says: "The suspicion that the Boer intelligence department is in close touch with a foreign consulate at Pretoria is confirmed by the fact that the news of the appointment of Lord Roberts as commander-in-chief in South Africa was generally known in Pretoria on December 20th—indirectly reaching Delagoa Bay from the Transvaal six days later. Suspicion rests upon a consul who is notorious for his Boer sympathies. There is reason to believe that Pretoria is kept well informed with regard to British military movements."

With this reference to rumors of smuggling contraband, it is significant that Major Erasmus, of the Free State artillery, is here, his arrival being coincident with that of the French liner.

"Considering the freedom with which the Transvaal's foreign diplomatic fund is used, considerable mischief may be done unless curbs are imposed by British searchers who understand foreign bills of lading. It is felt here that all mining and other machinery should be stopped, owing to the possibility of hoarding the officials."

Boers Attack Kaffirs.

They Are Reported to Have Captured the Native Position.

Pretoria, Dec. 26.—Via Lorenzo Marquez, Dec. 28.—Commandant Swart reports from the laager at Aloway's Kop, near Zorist, that he had an engagement with Kaffirs on December 22nd, and with Kaffirs in the neighborhood of Dederpoort. The Kaffirs occupied a strongly fortified ridge and were well prepared for emergencies.

After heavy fighting the burghers captured the Kaffir position, losing three killed and six wounded.

London, Dec. 30.—The reported engagement with Kaffirs is very vague and cannot be explained pending the arrival of later dispatches.

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AS DUSTY AS THE COUNTRY.

When the heroines of the Arabian Nights tales watched from their palace roofs to see the clouds of dust that surrounded them, they knew that out of the dust-sounds would emerge figures in gaudy silks or lustrous gold and silver. But here on the veldt it is the hapless homelings to Kimberley and Mafeking are watching for us who are in Lord Methuen's flying force. It will be different. They will see the dust separate from the moving body beneath it, but what that body is their best glasses will not tell them until it is but a mile or two away. It may be a troupe of the dust-colored sheep which move in enormous bands upon the scorched veldt, or it may be only a line of dust-blown farm wagons, or, if they are not mistaken, and look at just the right time, it will be a dust-coated lord and his earthy-hued staff, leading a party of armed men, clothed and studded the color of dust.

While Tommy is wholly as solely earthlike in his officers differ from him in wearing shiny buttons, stars, crowns and sword hilts, and pipe-clayed belts and straps. In this difference has lain the danger of all in battle in this campaign, and from it has come the death of far too many. All alike recognize this, yet how differently they discuss this proposal to have the officers dyed like the men.

The Tommies are all in favor of the change, though it would greatly increase their own danger and losses. They are enthusiastic for having the officers doff swords, carry light carbines, and do what would be the same to the Tommies. The Tommies look now as if it were the dust-bin of creation. Its ground is loose dust. Its air is flying dust. Its vegetation, animals and insects, are nearly all of differing shades of dust-color.

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Military Matters

Communications from members of the different branches of Her Majesty's forces in Canada and Victoria, and their families, will be welcome. Address "Chevre," Times Office.

Of Fighting Stock.—Among those who have applied for a position on the Second Canadian contingent from Victoria is a cousin of General Sir Forester Walker.

H.M.C. Men at the Front.—Capt. H. Carrington Smith, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, a graduate from the Royal Military College of Canada, has resigned his position in the Egyptian army and has been appointed a special service officer for duty with the South African Field Force. Capt. V. H. W. Wilberforce, 2nd Dragoon Guards, who was aide-de-camp to Lord Aberdeens when Governor-General of Canada, also goes out as a special service officer.

Big Guns for Puget Sound.—The government ordnance department is furnishing the forts located on Puget Sound with some very heavy guns. Five 12-inch mortars have arrived in Seattle consigned to the officer in charge of the fortifications at Fort Casey, Admiralty Head. The guns are 12 inches in diameter and are of the very latest pattern. They were first tested at the government proving grounds at Sandy Hook. The freight on the shipment was over \$21,000.

Generals' Records.—Of the divisional commanders in South Africa, Sir George White, Sir C. F. Clery and Sir Mansfield Clarke, passed their regimental services in the line, the former belonging to the Gordon Highlanders and the latter two officers to the 32nd and 57th Foot respectively. Lord Methuen and Sir F. Forester-Walker, the latter in charge of the lines of communication, are Guardsmen, and Sir Charles Warren is the only Royal Engineer officer commanding. The cavalry are, of course, represented by Lt.-Gen. French, commanding the division.

The New D.O.C.—Major Benson, who succeeds Col. Peters here as D.O.C. of Military District No. 11, is by no means a stranger to the officers of the district, especially to those whose connection with the force antedates the disbandment of old C. Battery. Capt. Benson was born with that corps, being the command of the company. He left the impression among the militiamen of being a very smart and zealous officer and if his appointment here is to be permanent, he will doubtless be successful in bringing the district to a state of efficiency comparable in Canada. He is a native Canadian and is also a graduate of the Royal Military College at Kingston. It is also said that he has just completed a twelve months' course at Shoeburyness, which, if correct, would indicate that he enjoys the good opinion of the general officers commanding, and that he will be thoroughly up-to-date and modern in his drill.

Col. Peters's Transfer.—The removal of Col. Peters to the command of No. 2 District is such a distinct compliment to that gentleman that an expression of regret at the move seems to be selfish. Victoria will miss the genial colonel, but it is safe to say that he will part with equanimity from this city where his home is and where so many of his associations and interests lie. The transfer emphasizes the uncertainty in regard to location which is one of the unpleasant features in connection with the service. The finishing touches are just being made to a handsome new residence which the D.O.C. has built this summer at Work Point, and from this and from his avairy and other hobbies which he follows as a pastime he will find it very trying to part. The change from these surroundings to the rather circumscribed, though quaint, quarters in Stanley Barracks, Toronto, will hardly be appreciated by him. Victorians will wish the gallant officer and his interesting family the best of health and wealth in their removal to the Queen City of Canada.

Engineers and Artillerymen.—It is rather a singular fact that the Soudan has been reconquered mainly under the direction of officers of the Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers. Lord Kitchener is an engineer, as was his great predecessor at Khartoum, General Gordon, while Lord Cromer and Sir F. Wingate are artillerymen. The line is now having its turn of commands. Lord Wolseley, himself a most distinguished in military chief, has given to the Engineers one chief command in South Africa, but none of these high posts have fallen to the artillery, who cannot, however, complain that they are not sharing in the fighting. Several campaigns well known in the memory of the public have been under artillery and engineer officers. Lord Napier's Abyssinian campaign and Lord Roberts's march to Kandahar, for instance.—London Telegraph.

Send-Off for Evans.—A farewell supper was given to Lieut.-Col. Evans by Major Hemming and the officers of the Yukon Field Force prior to their departure for Dawson. Commissioner Ogilvie, Major Perry, Superintendent Prinrose, Inspectors Starnes and Searf, of the N.W.M.P., and other gentlemen were present and testified to their esteem for Lieut.-Col. Evans, and the regret they felt at his approaching departure. The supper was of the most elegant kind and reflected credit on the barrack's intent. The guest of the evening, in reply to the toast, coupled with his name, spoke feelingly of the regret he felt at severing his connection with the Yukon Field Force.—Yukon Sun.

The New Commander.—The London Daily Telegraph of the 2nd inst. reports Lieut.-General Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke, Bart., K.C.B., has been appointed to the command of the new division (9th) to be sent out to South Africa forthwith. He is the son of Sir Charles Clarke, the second baronet, and will celebrate his sixtieth birthday on the

13th inst. He has nearly forty-four years' service, having joined the 57th Foot, 1st Batt., Middlesex Regiment, in 1856. Recently returned from India, where he commanded the Madras forces, he is about to return to a field of operations with which he is already familiar. It is nearly thirty-nine years since Sir Mansfield Clarke set foot in New Zealand, and during the campaigns there in that and subsequent years he laid the foundation of a career to which his late work in the African continent has added further lustre. In 1879 he went out to take part in the Zulu war, and won the C.B., and a few years later, while in command of the colonial forces at the Cape, from 1880 to 1882, he undertook operations in Basutoland and against the tribes on the coast of the Drakensberg, so he knew well this portion of the present theatre of war. Since these stirring days Sir Mansfield Clarke has filled many important appointments at headquarters and at Aldershot.

The Blue and Red Marines.—The Globe and Laurel (the journal of the Royal Marines), in its current issue, says: "We record this month the first action in which our comrades have been engaged in the war in South Africa. We rejoice that a portion of the corps, though only a small portion, have had a chance of showing that the Royal Marines of the present day can fully uphold the honor of the corps, and nobly, in conjunction with the Naval Brigade, have done so. From accounts received have the last rush through the fire-swept zone, to drive the Boers from their position where they made their final stand, must have been a magnificent display of gauze and discipline. But, alas, we have to bemoan the loss of several good men and true killed, and a large proportion wounded." The same paper prints the following review:

"They have sounded loud the praises of 'The men who ride the wave'; they have sung in countless ditties of the 'Soldiers of the Queen'; but I love to think the epithet 'The bravest of the brave'." Has been stamped upon the laurels of the Blue and Red Marine. —Lionel Cox.

That Submarine Corps.—There seems to be a great deal of uncertainty in regard to the corps of submarine miners which General Hutton foreshadowed in his speech here in the autumn and which was provided for in the new establishment of the regiment following its disbandment with the Vancouver battalion. Major Hibben was designated in regimental orders to command the company, but when it was found that one of the conditions was three weeks' continuous drill each year under canvas, recruiting seemed to lag. In fact it is said that with such a provision in regard to the members it will be impossible to secure the required strength. It certainly is very peculiar if enough young men cannot be found in the city to undertake the duties of this company, taking into consideration the compensating advantages in the way of instruction. Correspondence with the department has not resulted in any further light being obtained on the subject. It has been suggested that the company be raised in Spanish or in the Cowichan district, where the young farmers would have the requisite leisure at that time of year to take three weeks off for drill. The objection to this, of course, lies in the distance the men reside from headquarters and the difficulty the officer in command would have in keeping in touch with the members of his corps.

The Reorganized Second.—The Vancouver Rifle Corps, as the Mainland Battalion must now be called, is being reorganized under the new establishment list. A recent regimental order states that the battalion will henceforth be divided into six companies, each having the following establishment: Captain, 1; lieutenant, 1; 2nd lieutenant, 1; corporal, 3; sergeants, 2; corporals, 3; serjeants-corporals, 3; bugler, 1; privates, 40.

The regimental staff will consist of Lieutenant-colonel commanding, 1; secretary in command, 1; major, 1; adjutant, 1; paymaster, 1; quartermaster, 1; surgeon-major, 1; surgeon-lieutenant, (superintendent), 1; battalion sergeant-major, 1; quarter-master sergeant, 1; orderly room clerk, 1; corporal medical officer, 1; band sergeant (superintendent), 1.

In accordance with the R. & O. 1898, companies will be designated by letters as follows, and will be composed of:

A Company, New Westminster, Right Half of No. 1 Company.
B Company, New Westminster, Left Half of No. 1 Company.
C Company, Vancouver, Right Half of No. 2 Company.
D Company, Vancouver, Left Half of No. 3 Company.

E Company, Vancouver, Right Half of No. 4 Company.
F Company, Vancouver, Left Half of No. 3 Company.

G Captain J. Reynolds Tite is at his own request relieved of the duties of adjutant and returns to duty as a company officer.

H Major C. C. Bennett will act as adjutant until further orders.

I Major Lacy R. Johnson will take

FOR THEATREGOERS.

New Year's Attraction—*Shenandoah as Seen by New York Critics.*

"Human Hearts," the idyl of the Arkansas Hills, will be produced at the Victoria theatre on Monday night. Like "Shore Acres," the "Old Homestead"



"SHALL I FERGOT THAT WE ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE DEAD EN KILL HIM?"

and other favorites, time only increases the hold upon the hearts of the people. The pratise of an innocent child, the tears of an old blind mother, the strong love of a simple country girl, the trust of an old time negro, the passion of an

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GEO. J. COOK, Victoria West.

DR. CRAIGHEAD, Craigflower road, Victoria West.

VICTORIA-CHILLIWACK RY.

The morning paper complains of uncertainty about the matter when the terms of the by-law are plain and explicit. The by-law says the capital stock of the company is not to exceed two million dollars. The company cannot ask for more, but it may ask for less. A company must incorporate for an amount equal to the cost of the road. Before the company can elect directors, it must have 20 per cent. of its capital subscribed and 10 per cent. of the 25 per cent. in cash in a chartered Canadian bank. The Colonist closes its eyes to the fact that the city will control the directors, thus amply safe-guarding Victoria's interests. There is, therefore, no danger that the company will commence operations unless or until the funds are in sight to carry it. We believe it is in the best interest of the city to give these promoters an opportunity, a fair chance.

As to the right-of-way, it may be pointed out the tramway company got a blank charter over all the streets. All the Victoria-Chilliwack Railway Co. ask for is a right-of-way from Hillside avenue to the city market and the E. & N. depot. Surely the city council can be trusted to take adequate precautions to protect the traffic on the streets.

The Colonist quotes with approval the request of the N. P. R. to right-of-way through the streets of Seattle. Our contemporary than abandons its objections to a railway in Victoria streets. There is not a city of importance on the Pacific coast that has not a railway passing along some of its streets.

CONSTITUTIONAL PRACTICE.

Our morning contemporary quoted on Thursday, a number of Australian instances to prove its contention that the Lieutenant-Governor ought to refuse to grant dissolution in the event of a government defeat in the House. The Australian cases quoted by the Colonist are singularly inappropriate for the Colonist's purposes, as they provide a complete refutation of the Colonist's contention.

Lieut. Governor McLean could not well refuse to grant Premier Semlin a dissolution and appeal to the country in the event of a government defeat in the House and call upon the leader of the opposition or one of his late colleagues in the Turner cabinet, which had been dismissed by himself only seven months ago for causes in every particular sustained against that ministry. The present government of British Columbia was called to power upon the defeat of the Turner ministry by the country and their subsequent dismissal by the Lieutenant-Governor. The Australian governments which have just gone to the wall succeeded their predecessors on an appeal to the country. In no case had the Lieutenant-Governor of those colonies to face the contingency of calling upon a leader of the opposition who had been dismissed from the premiership immediately before the accession of the governments just defeated, and to whom they have refused dissolution.

The rise of Premier Dickson, of Queensland, quoted by the Colonist, is

a good example of the weakness of its contention that these Australian instances are applicable to the case of British Columbia. The premier moved that the speaker leave the chair, the leader of the labor opposition party moved next order of business, virtually taking the leadership out of the hands of the premier. The motion of the leader of the opposition was lost by one independent vote. The premier and his colleague resigned and asked for a dissolution, which was not granted. Mr. Dawson, leader of the opposition, was sent for and formed a ministry. The quoted paragraph concludes thus:

"It is not anticipated that the new government will experience any difficulty in carrying on."

The fact is that the new government was defeated on its very first motion. The cases of the Australian governments and that of the present British Columbia government are totally dissimilar. Premier Semlin will be perfectly justified in asking for and expecting a dissolution of the House if he considers it expedient to take that step, and it would be interesting to have the Colonist explain upon what constitutional grounds His Honor could decline to grant that request.

The political rumors started by the Vancouver World and repeated in this morning's Colonist, which among other things declare it to be the intention of the Lieutenant-Governor to resign office for the purpose of entering the Dominion cabinet, has probably no more foundation in fact than all the other "rumors" about the local political situation which have been manufactured to order so frequently by the opposition press.

Pope Leo signs his name with the same vigor and as clearly and distinctly as he did twenty years ago, although he cannot stand unassisted and is afflicted with a troublesome cough. As for his food and drink, he lives like a bird; his abstinence is the wonder of everyone.

Colorado was the banner gold state of the Union for 1898, the output reaching \$23,195,000, against California's \$15,637,000. The rate at which Oregon is coming up leads many to believe it will pass Colorado in a year or two.

Chief of Police John M. Langley is to be congratulated upon his appointment. Chief Langley is a native son, and he knows not only Victoria like a book, but is exceptionally well-informed upon Pacific coast affairs.

Messrs. Copp, Clarke & Co.'s Canadian Almanac for 1900 is a handsome work, that deserves place in every office in the country. It is filled with cover to cover with useful knowledge for everybody.

After Monday next one half of the world will be living a hundred years later than the other half. Is time not going fast enough that we should clip a twelvemonth off this unfortunate century?

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

To the Editor:—A correspondent, "Quiz," in this morning's paper calls attention to the matter of teachers' salaries. While this matter is under consideration, there is one glaring injustice that needs righting. In the James Bay school teacher has charge of the top to highest grade (Miss Spence) for years held the position and does acceptations work at a salary far less than that paid every other teacher in the city doing the same grade work. The taxpayers in this ward want as good service as they can get, and, in justice, they want it fairly paid. It is to be hoped that this wrong will be righted.

JAMES BAY VOTER.

THE LATE GENERAL LAWTON.

Mania, Dec. 30.—The remains of Gen. Henry W. Lawton were to-day conveyed from the Paço cemetery to the transport Thomas, which sails this afternoon.

VANCOUVER NOTES.

(Special to the Times)

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—Quite a flurry was caused among the ladies yesterday evening over the explosion, by resolution from the W.C.T.U. ranks of Mrs. D. C. Mackenzie. Mrs. Mackenzie has for some time past been forward in the work and had supervision of the hospital and rescue departments.

Twelve hundred convulsions have been obtained out of fifteen hundred cases heard during the year in the local police court. Twenty-four cases were committed for trial.

Messrs. Hewitt, Boston and F. J. Deane, of Kamloops, are passengers to the capital this afternoon.

DEATHS FROM THE PLAGUE.

(Associated Press)

Melbourne, Victoria, Dec. 30.—Advice from Neurus, New Caledonia, says that five whites have been attacked by the plague. One of them has since died.

Fifteen Kanakas and Chinese have died from the plague and twelve are under treatment.

A STANDED STEAMER.

(Associated Press)

London, Dec. 30.—The mail steamer which went ashore last night on the Southern coast of Kent, is the Petet of the Hamburg-South American line.

The Petet only carried a cargo of grain, and had no passengers on board.

PALE, WEAK GIRLS.

Many a pale, weak school girl, suffering the tell-tale effects of an exhausted nervous system, and thin, watery blood, has been fully restored to the vigor and buoyancy of robust health, by using Dr. A. W. Chase's Novis Fluid. The healthy glow on the cheeks and the brightness in the eyes tell of the building up process which is taking place in the body.

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HOGMANAY CELEBRATION.

The Sir William Wallace Society Honor Their Chief.

The gathering of Scotsmen at the last

meeting of the year of the Sir William Wallace Society, held in their rooms, Broad street, last night, was one worthy

of commemoration. It was decided to

recognize the close of the chief's (Mr. W. C. Kerr) year of office by a "Hogmanay" celebration, and the members

responded right royally together, with

not a few visitors from the Caledonia

and St. Andrew's Society. After the

chief had taken his seat the Rev. Leslie Clay, captain of the Caledonian Society, addressed the gathering on the subject of "Victorians," and said he

thought Scotsmen were somewhat

more aggressive politically, municipally

and for the community generally.

Mr. R. H. Jameson made a few remarks, after which the chief, in wishing the members "A happy new year to all and a," said that undoubtedly the influence of the Sir William Wallace So-

cietry was making itself felt far beyond

the confines of the city of Victoria, the

reports of their gatherings now finding a

place in the columns of the Scottish

American, the leading Scottish paper on

this continent.

An interval followed, during which

tea, coffee, cakes, etc., were handed

round, the pipe to the society (Mr. Robertson) meanwhile playing a selection

on the bagpipes, and Mr. Hughes

on the piano. After the interval, Mr.

James, the bard of the Caledonian Society, recited an original poem, entitled "An Address to the Scots Guards Regiment

for the Hogmanay," which received

the warm approval of the members.

The following programme was then gone

through: Song, Mr. G. M. Watt, "The

Smith's a Gallant Fireman"; recitation,

Mr. Henderson, "The Laird, on the Transvaal"; song, Mr. Jameson, "Our Auld Auld Name"; recitation, Mr. Morrison, "Downfall of Poland"; song, Mr. W. Corneek, "Ye Banks and Braes o' Bonnie Doon"; recitation, Mr. J. McKay, "On the Heights of Alma"; short address, Mr. W. J. Hanrahan, song, Mr. G. M. Watt, "The Lang Awa Ship"; recitation, Mr. J. G. Hay, "William and Mary"; song, Mr. R. H. Jameson, "Annie Laurie," in which the members joined. Altogether the proceedings from start to finish went with an enthusiasm and vim worthy of the best days of the society, and the gathering closed at a late hour by all the members singing "Auld Lang Syne."

AN ADDRESS

To the Scottish Regiments Bound for the Transvaal, South Africa.

(After "Auld Wha Ha'e.")

Scots who to the Transvaal speed,
Scots whom White and Buller lead,
Hastening on to glorious deed,
Death or victory.

There's the koppies, there's the Boers,
See their dreadly deadly shower,
Strive to break bold Kruger's power,
Brave Gordon on wi me.

By the British blood they spill,
By the graves which Britons fill,
To avenge Majuba do or die!

Who in freedom's noble cause,
Freemen's rights and freemen's laws,
Who for Britain's just applause
Wade do or die!

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EVERYTHING IN DRUGS.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria
Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 30.—The area of
low pressure on the Washington coast is
slowly moving to the eastward, and
though extensive, has not yet developed
only moderate energy. Balfall has been
crossing the Coast. The barometer is
rising again along the lower California
coast, and the tendency is for a continu-
ance of unsettled weather over the Straits
and Sound region. The Northwest high
now covers the entire country from the
Rockies to the Great Lakes, with low tem-
peratures.

Forecasts.

For 30 hours ending 5 p.m. Sunday.
Victoria and vicinity—Breeze easterly and
southerly winds, continued unsustained, with
occasional rains.

Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, unsustained,
with rains.

Report.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.35; tempera-
ture, 45; minimum, 44; wind, calm; rain, .06;

weather, rain.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.00;

temperature, 42; minimum, 34; wind, 4
miles E.; rain, .34; weather, rain.

Nanaimo—Wind, 4 miles S.; weather,
rainy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.08; tempera-
ture, 36; minimum, 34; wind, 6 miles E.;

weather, cloudy.

Barker Bay—Barometer, 29.58; tempera-
ture, 32; minimum, 30; wind, calm; snow,
light; weather, snow.

Neah, Wash.—Barometer, 29.62; tempera-
ture, 46; minimum, 46; wind, 4 miles S.E.;

rain, .48; weather, cloudy.

Portland—Oregon—Barometer, 29.08; tem-
perature, 38; minimum, 36; wind, 8 miles N.;

rain, .56; weather, cloudy.

Tacoma—Barometer, 29.64; tempera-
ture, 42; minimum, 39; wind, 4 miles S.E.;

rain, .44; weather, rain.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.02; tem-
perature, 32; minimum, 44; wind, 12 miles S.W.;

rain, .48; weather, clear.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

—Use Blue Ribbon Flavoring Ex-
tracts.

—Dandruff, falling hair and baldness
cured: Dr. White's Hair Restorer used.
Electric Parlor, 11½ Yates street.

—His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and
Mrs. McInnes will be at home to callers
on New Year's Day from two o'clock
till six.

—Major Redfern and Mrs. Redfern
will receive callers on Monday, New
Year's Day, from half-past two p.m. until
seven o'clock p.m.

—Get your tickets for the Sons and
Daughters of St. George's annual New
Year's ball. Double tickets, \$1; extra
ticket, 50 cents. A.O.U.W. Hall.

—All our fine teas require 25 minutes to
infuse was formerly the yard on some
grocer's bags. Times, teas and tarts
have changed and it is wondered how
easily and quickly a "dollop" of
"HONDI" can be made. See directions
on the packets.

—An error was made yesterday in re-
ferring to the reduced fares to be inau-
gurated by the B. C. Electric Railway
Company on the 1st of January. Twenty-
five tickets, being obtainable for \$1
make the single fare 4 cents, so that
purchasers will have one more ride for a
dollar than formerly, not one more for
twenty-five cents as stated.

—The Rev. Dr. Bryce, who is an-
nounced to preach in the pulpits of the
First Presbyterian and St. Andrew's
churches to-morrow, and who is the
author of several historical works, has
just published a comprehensive history
of the Hudson's Bay Company in the
Northwest. He will lecture in the city
during his present visit.

—A company has been organized at
Portland to work the rich sands on the
Cape Nome-beach, Alaska, and a steam
dredge is now under construction for
this purpose. This dredge will run on
wide rollers instead of being placed on
a barge. The shaft which carries the
dredge buckets will operate to a depth
of twelve feet in the sea water. When
storms occur, or when the tide rises,
the dredge can be hauled up and still
be enabled to work on the dry sand.
Naphtha or kerosene will be used for fuel.

—Far West Lodge, K. of P., held their
usual monthly smoking concert in their
hall, Broad street, last evening, the af-
fair being of a special character because
of the near approach of the New Year.
Quite a number of visiting knights at-
tended and the evening was spent in
games and in listening to a very appropriate
programme of songs, speeches and
anecdotes. The members of the lodge
and Grand Chapter, Masonic
Vancouver, to visit them on Friday
evening next to install the officers for
the coming term.

—A reception will be held in the school
room of the Metropolitan Methodist
church, Pandora avenue, on Monday
from 7:30 to 10 o'clock p.m., under the
management of the Epworth League of
that church. Visitors may come and go
as they wish, the meeting being an informal
one. Games of various kinds will
be provided and a short programme will
be rendered. Refreshments will also be
served during the evening. All are invited
and especially the young people
and strangers away from home. A very
pleasant evening is promised to all who
attend.

Weier Bros. wish their patrons and
friends a happy New Year.

PINNAN HADDIES at Jameson's
33 Fort street.

—There will not be midnight mass at
St. Andrew's R. C. Cathedral on Sun-
day night as expected by many.

—Have you seen the \$1 per dozen
Printed Cups and Saucers at R. A.
Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street?

—Four samples of 1900 Crawford
Bicycles can be seen at Onions & Plimley's,
Broad street, and they are beauti-
ful.

—Account books and business
envelopes. No advance in prices. J. Johnston,
Douglas street.

—This may, and likely will, be the last
day we will give 30 Trading Stamps on
the dollar's purchase. Read ad. in the
page. Geo. R. Jackson.

—Ceder Hill Tom, the horse, which
won the farmers' race at the recent Col-
wood races, will be rallied to-night at
Frank Campbell's cigar store.

—A very enjoyable masquerade ball
was held last evening, the costumes in-
cluding some novel make-ups. Miss Bill
won the prize offered for the best dressed
lady.

—A very happy time was spent last
evening by the children of the Victoria
West Presbyterian church and of St.
Columba's Presbyterian church, Oak
Bay avenue, the occasion being the
Christmas treats.

—Messrs. Onions & Plimley have open-
ed a branch establishment of General
Hardware and Cooking utensils next
door to their Bicycle store on Broad
street, and are selling at the lowest cash
prices. Give us a trial.

—Wm. Baird was taken into custody
by Officer Munro, of the city police force,
last night, having been detected in the
act of stealing bottles from the Brown
Jug saloon. He was this morning con-
victed and sentenced to one month's im-
prisonment.

—The members of the city fire brigade
are to-day raising a smoke on cigars
presented to them by several thoughtful
citizens. Those who have remembered
the city fire fighters in this way are
Geo. R. Jackson's, 47 Government
street; Fowne's ladies' gloves, fitted
and guaranteed, \$1.25 per pair. Trading
Stamps added.

—Remember, ladies, \$5 spent with us
to-day for underwear or woolen shirts
procures cheap goods and as many
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—Ald. Macgregor has issued a circular
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—Mr. and Mrs. William Cook, of
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brate their golden wedding New Year's
Day. Mr. Cook and wife are perhaps
the oldest pioneers here, having made
their first trip in 1851. As far as Mr. Cook
knows, his wife and Mr. Joseph Keay are
the only persons now living in Victoria
who came on this first trip of the Beaver.
Mr. Cook was for a number of
years in the employ of the Hudson Bay
Co.

—Rev. J. P. D. Know returned today
from Nanaimo where he has been at-
tending the sessions of the Grand Lodge
of Sons of Temperance for this province.
At this meeting he was again elected
Grand Worthy Patriarch, the other
officers being as follows: Miss F. J. Nor-
ris, Nanaimo, S.W.A.; Miss E. A. Nor-
ris, Nanaimo, G.S.; J. J. Duggan, Van-
couver, G.T.; W. H. McLennan, Na-
naimo, G.C.; Geo. J. Jones, G.C.; J. E.
Dobrley, Nanaimo, G.T.; Mrs. John-
son, Vancouver, G.S.Y.P.W.

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The programme of recitations and
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BRITAIN'S SECRET SERVICE
How England's Espionage Ferreted Out
the Secrets of the Transvaal Government.

Long before the war-cloud in South Africa burst, almost every yard of the Transvaal had been carefully surveyed and mapped out; every cog of war had been carefully noted.

Not only is the entire country cartographically known to the British authorities, but there is not a fort or earthwork throughout the length and breadth of the land whose weak points have not been ascertained by British officials.

How is this done? Many other instances of English shyness are on record;—it may be remembered that the government in 1858-59 was enabled to easily check the machinations of the Fenians in Ireland, the conspirators upon landing from America were arrested, and after the other despite the most careful disguise. From whom did the government obtain this information?

Another striking evidence of a subtle omniscient agency underlying affairs of state will be, no doubt, recalled by many.

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A good idea of the secrecy observed in affairs of state may be gained when several members of the cabinet meet together at a dinner. A messenger enters with a dispatch, which he hands in a locked casket to one of the ministers. Drawing his private key from his pocket, a privy councillor opens the casket, reads the dispatch, replaces it, and, instead of passing it on to his brother minister at his elbow, relocks the casket and hands it back to the messenger. The same performance is repeated with every cabinet minister present.

Great Britain may have a

Difficult Task Yet Before Her. But the difficulty will certainly not be increased by an instant knowledge of the country with which she is at war. No public works

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OLD DR. GORDON'S REMEDY FOR MEN is a result of peculiar geological conditions. The village is but a mass of rocks, being situate one of the poorest districts of France, and the soil produces only food for sheep, the milk of the ewes being collected from the surrounding country and made into cheese. This box has been going on for centuries, a chronicle of 1070 referring to the cheese industry. The ewes' milk is first curdled with carefully dried and preserved rennet

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the curd is shaped in cylindrical clay moulds, about 8 inches in diameter and 3 inches deep, and a powder of mouldy bread is then scattered over the young cheese. This mouldy bread is prepared with great care from wheat and barley, mixed with strong yeast and a little vinegar and various qualities of the hospital process; however, set attributed to the Indians in which the deepest idea placed the original cheese having been patient holes or caves in the rock, and the later ones being imitations excavated in the same rock. The temperature ranges from 40 deg. to 50 deg. F. It is kept nearly uniform by currents of air coming from the heart of the mountain through fissures in the rock, and experience has shown that the more fissures there are in a cellar the better adapted it is for the production of this cheese. After 30 to 40 days the cheese is ready for market. In these cells 200 to 600 women are now employed; eight months in the year, and the yearly output has grown from 500,000 pounds in 1890 to 10,000,000 at the present time.

The hurricane that wrought such destruction in the West Indies in August proves to have been the longest in record. It can be traced over the North Atlantic for thirty-six days, and seems finally to have disappeared off the coast of Provence, where it caused a rough sea and northwest gales on September 9 to 11.

The Beautiful Blue Danube" appears to exist only in the poet's imagination. Observations during 1898 are reported to have shown that the waters of the Danube were brown on 11 days, yellow on 36, muddy green on 59, clear green on 45, steely green on 60, emerald green on 46, yellowish green on 64, but never blue.

Crossing the legs, which may force undigested food into the veriform appendix, is a suggested possible cause of appendicitis.

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Weary of experimenting with salves and poultices and ointments, and dredging a surgical operation, scores and hundreds have turned to Dr. A. W. Chase's Ointment and found in it a positive cure for piles. The next time you are suffering from piles, take this medicine, have every reason to expect that it will do for you what it has done for others. It is the best medicine money can buy.

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VERNON.
Miss Olding, who for the past term has been in charge of the public school at Lumby, left on Saturday for Rosedale, where she has secured a position.

After a long and tedious illness, Mrs. Carr Johnson died of consumption at Enderby on Saturday last. She was a native of Sweden, and leaves a husband and four young children to mourn her loss.

REVELSTOKE.

Capt. Taylor of the Revelstoke Rifle Company, has passed his final examination for a commission as lieutenant commanding the company. He scored 85 per cent. in his theoretical papers, the highest average of any officer in the regiment.

The contract for the fire hall has been awarded to W. A. Nettle for \$1,500 with an additional \$121 for the chimney. W. M. Lawrence secured the contract for the galvanized iron roof at \$148.50.

ROSSLAND.

A proposition is on foot to organize a smoking concert under the auspices of the Rossland Rifle Company in aid of the Mansfield House fund for the relief of those left behind by "Tommy Atkins the Absent Minded Bazaar."

At a general meeting of the Rossland Curling Club the following entries for the season of 1899-1900 were selected: Messrs. A. B. Cranston, R. Dally, Monk, Jr., H. H. Smith, J. Elwood, D. B. Bogle and Le Baron de Vobis. Mr. M. W. Wood and Dr. D. E. Kerr were chosen as delegates to represent the Rossland Curling Club at the meeting of the Kootenay Curling Association to be held in Nelson on the 20th inst.

MIDWAY.

Last Friday Dr. Jakes was summoned to Boomberg Creek, a tributary of the West Fork, whence information came that Chas. Peterson had been seriously injured by a fall of rock in the workings on the Iconoclast mineral claim, owned by himself and others. As a fatal result was feared by those supplying the information Chief Provincial Constable McMynn accompanied the doctor in case in should be found necessary to make enquiries. Upon arrival at the claim late at night after a rough journey through the snow, it was ascertained that death followed almost immediately after the unfortunate man's partner, P. W. Lover, left to get surgical assistance. Dr. Jakes found that the skull of deceased was badly fractured. In his official capacity as coroner the doctor decided that death was the result of an accident, so that an inquest was unnecessary.

NELSON.

James W. Walker, of Phoenix, was in Nelson on Wednesday. He reports his town thriving.

A wedding took place on Tuesday evening at the church of Mary Immaculate, the contracting parties being Joseph Chapman and Homile Martell. Rev. Father Cote officiated.

A rumor is current that the Kootenay Valley extension with some extensions operations only in January and that the steamer Alberta will ply as part of the system.

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ALBERNI.

Alberni, Dec. 28.—Deputy Attorney-General McLean held an investigation last Wednesday in the Court House for the charges made against G. A. Cox, provincial constable. The evidence, which was only meager, was taken to Victoria to lay before the Attorney-General.

On Monday of the same week the new bell was duly installed in the English church, and rung for the first time on Sunday. Both the churches were being prettily decorated for Christmas.

Mr. F. Bishop has opened up a confectionery and restaurant on the main street, and is doing a good business.

Mr. Fletcher, government agent, has been sick and in bed, having met with an accident, but we are glad to say he is much better now. He fell and cut himself badly on the face.

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One of the largest engagements of the year, ever taken for the West Coast, was in the Queen City on her last trip. Most of it was unloading at Alberni; the rest went up the coast.

The unstrung entertainment was postponed till last Tuesday, when it took place in Huff's hall, and was a great success. The troupe intends to give another entertainment within a month or two.

Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine, a Presbyterian church, gave a Christmas tree and concert yesterday in St. Andrew's church.

A very fine meteor shot over Alberni last night. It lit up the whole valley, changing colors and making a fizzing noise.

The weather is cold and fine here now, but we have had some very warm

winds lately, taking a lot of snow off the mountains.

VANCOUVER.

Good progress is being made in the filling in front of the Canadian Pacific railway station building. The tracks are being raised there, so as to bring the street and passenger cars on an exact level with the platform.

The orders have been issued by the civic authorities for the destruction of another lot of shacks on Carrall street. W. Jones, proprietor of the Tommies saloon, was on Thursday fined \$30 and costs for allowing gambling in his premises. The sentence included that failing payment, the amount was to be levied by distress, and failing that, a sentence of two months imprisonment was to be imposed. The magistrate held that the fact that Jones left someone else in charge of the bar while he was absent did not relieve him.

The much talked of question of the extension to the new city wharf at the foot of Hastings street was the subject of another heated argument at the meeting of the Board of Works on Thursday. An offer was received from the contractors for the present wharf, Messrs. Campbell, Rannie & Ironsides to build the wharf out another 75 feet; so that it would have a good depth of water at low tide, for \$4,000. After a discussion Ald. Foreman moved and Ald. McPhail seconded, that the work be gone on with immediately, the contract being let on the terms before-mentioned. Ald. Grant alone voted "nay" and the motion was carried. The contractors, who were present, were instructed to go right ahead with the work.

The case of William Quinn, charged with giving intoxicating liquor to Eliza Gazeley with the intention of seduction, began in the police court on Thursday afternoon. The first witness called was Mr. Henry Gazeley, who lives near Mission on the Fraser river. He said that his daughter, the complainant, was just over sixteen years of age, and with the exception of a short time that she lived in the city with her sister, had never been away from home. Her conduct had always been quiet and exemplary. She came down to Vancouver a week ago last Sunday to visit her married sister. The next day he heard from the latter that she had moved, and he accordingly wired to her to ask if Eliza, the younger sister, had arrived all right. He got a reply, that they had seen nothing of her, and so he came down to Vancouver on Tuesday afternoon. With his married daughter he made a thorough search of the town, and in consequence of information he received, he went to the Western Hotel, on Water street, where he met Quinn for the first time. Quinn said that the girl was there and that moreover he and she had been married. The father asked the particulars and was told that they had gone to New Westminster on Monday afternoon. He found out next morning that this was quite correct. Then he went back and said to Quinn that she was too young to have been married for three or four years yet, and said that he had a notion to take her away from him. Quinn replied that he would look after her in kind to her.

The girl herself said that she had gone to the Oriental where all the rooms were taken, and she accordingly went right across the street to the Western. There she met Quinn, whom she had known slightly on her previous visit, and he said that they could give her a room. He asked her if she had had supper, and after her saying that she had not, he invited her to supper. He asked her what she would drink and she took a glass of port wine. He went out and got her a second glass and after that she remembered nothing. Immediately after she awoke in the morning, Quinn said that they must be married and later in the day they drove over to the Royal City, where the ceremony was performed by a Church of England clergyman, she thought.

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Messrs. Finch & Campbell, who are developing the Hennessy group of claims at the head of Midge creek, have run in one tunnel for 100 feet, where the ledge was encountered. A shaft was then sunk upon the ledge from the tunnel level, which was put down 60 feet. The shaft is all in ore and at the bottom it was crossed by 30 feet.

From outcrop on the Stanley claim—\$48.50.

Development work is to be commenced on the Dominion mineral claim on the south fork of the Wild Horse, about seven miles from Ymir in a day or so. John Beaton is having cabins erected and things put in shape to continue work all winter. The work will consist of running a tunnel which is now in 18 feet) in the vein, and at the end of the tunnel a sample of ore ran \$27.50 with \$37.20 in gold. Mr. Beaton will work the property himself, together with two or three men.

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A steamer, believed to be one of the Hamburg-American lines, is aground near Dangerous, the southern extremity of Kent. She is in a dangerous position.

The international hockey match between McGill University team and the New York Athletic Club, played at the St. Nicholas Rink, New York, last night, was won by the New Yorkers after a close and exciting game, the score standing 4 to 3.

The first Lucifer match was made in 1829.

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Consumption always begins with a neglected cold, and hereof death must bear the misery of every sufferer whose disease fails to respond to this as a result of mother's negligence to cure the cold.

It is rarely that consumption is ever cured, but it can always be prevented by a timely use of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine, the most popular and far-famed remedy for throat and lung diseases.

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The Perry Creek Gold Mining & Milling

Company is actively pushing development with a considerable force of men, and a plant is installed in good substantial buildings.

The John L. was being developed all afternoon, having been encircled a few weeks ago, but will be resumed shortly. The company operating have \$10,000 on hand to resume operations.

The Massicot Copper Mining Company, which has done some hundreds of feet of tunneling and drifting on an enormous ledge of copper-bearing quartz near the mouth of Perry creek, is now arranging a contract to sink 500 feet.

The Montana is owned largely by Montana parties. A contract for about 90 feet of shaft and crosscut has just been completed, but another contract will be let shortly for a promising claim.

The Chilcotinmontane group passed into the hands of the present company on Jan. 1st, and on the 9th work was commenced and has continued without interruption, and up to the present time nearly 900 feet of work in tunnels, shafts, winzes, crosscuts and open cuts have been done. In the process of development a large amount of shipping ore has been taken out, only waiting the time to be sent to the railway. At present 16 men are at work and the management of the property is in the hands of Dan Frazer.

Work is progressing on the Estrella, a small force being at present employed in development work.

The British America Corporation is driving a tunnel in the Chilcotin now, a good proportion of immense size, which now begins to look like a producing mine.

The North Star mine will shortly be equipped with a 5-drill compressor. A body of solid ore 25 feet thick has been uncovered.

The Big Chief Mine, Limited, has just been organized in Montreal for the purpose of developing the Big Chief group on Boulders creek.

It took 20 years to build the statue of Victor Emmanuel, recently unveiled in Turin, and the frequent disputes over it made it a byword in all Italy.

Up Wild Horse creek and its tributaries there has been more or less development going on all summer, but the work for the mining part has been suspended for the winter.

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